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Whitehall, December 31.

HER Majesty having, by Her Royal Proclamation, appointed a General Thanksgiving to Almighty GOD, to be observed this Day, for the Great and Wonderful Successes wherewith He has blessed the Arms of Her Majesty and Her Allies the last Campaign, was pleased to go to the Cathedral Church of *St. Paul*, attended by both Houses of Parliament, the Great Officers of State, the Judges, and other Publick Officers, to return Thanks to GOD for these great Mercies and Blessings.

The Proceeding was begun by the House of Commons, the Speaker going first, and the Members following all in their Coaches: Next came the Masters in *Chancery*, the Judges; and after them the Peers, according to their Order of Precedency, the youngest Baron going first.

Her Majesty came afterwards, attended in a Solemn manner, and sitting in Her Coach of State, drawn by Eight Horses; in which were also the Dutchess of *Marlborough* Groom of the Stole, and the Lady *Fretcheville*, being the Lady of the Bed-Chamber in waiting; and the First Troop of Her Majesty's Horse-Guards closed the Procession.

The Streets were lined from *St. James's* to *Temple-Bar* by the Militia of *Westminster*; from thence to *St. Paul's* by the City Trained Bands, the several Companies in their Gowns being placed on Scaffolds erected for that purpose; and a Battalion of Her Majesty's Two Regiments of Foot-Guards made a Lane from the Entrance into the Church to the Choir. The Balconies and Windows of the Houses were hung with fine Carpets and Tapestry, and crowded with Multitudes of Spectators.

Her Majesty was met at *Temple-Bar* by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen in their Formalities: The Lord Mayor presented to Her Majesty the City Sword; which, She being graciously pleased to return to him, he carried before Her Majesty to the Church.

Her Majesty was received at the Entrance into the Church by the Peers: The Sword of State was carried before Her Majesty by the Duke of *Marlborough*. The Lord Bishop of *Salisbury* Preached an Excellent Sermon; and the Hymn, *Te Deum*, with several other Anthems, were Sung by Her Majesty's Choir and Musick.

Divine Service being ended, Her Majesty returned to *St. James's*. The Great Guns of the *Tower* and those in *St. James's* Park were thrice discharged, the first time when Her Majesty parted from *St. James's*, the second at the Singing the *Te Deum*, and the third when Her Majesty came back to Her Palace.

The Publick Demonstrations of the Zeal and Loyalty of the Inhabitants of *London* and *Westminster*, for Her Majesty's Person and Government, and of their Extraordinary Joy for the Glorious and Happy Successes of the Arms of Her Majesty and Her Allies, and more especially those under the Command of the Duke of *Marlborough*, were suitable to so Great and Solemn an Occasion; and the Night ended with Ringing of Bells, Bonfires, Illuminations, and other Rejoycings.

Turin, Dec. 21. *N. S.* The Season being so bad that it will be very difficult for the Forces to keep the Field, it is believed our Duke will return hither, as soon as he shall have given the necessary Orders for carrying on the Attack of Valenza. Prince Eugene in the mean time is making the necessary Dispositions for reducing the Castle of Milan; in order to which a great Reinforcement of Imperialists is marched thither, with a considerable Train of Artillery; and the Garison being much weakened thro' Sickness and Desertion, the French Commander dead, and a Scarcity of Ammunition and other Necessaries in the Place, we expect to be soon Masters of it. The Trenches and Batteries which the Enemy had made against this City when they besieged it are quite levelled, and the Damage they did to our Fortifications is in a great measure repaired; besides which, Directions are given for adding several new Works, in such Places where it has been found by the Experience of the last Siege they will be necessary, for the putting this Place into a good Posture of Defence.

Francfort, December 29. The Elector of Mentz is now at Bamberg: He has given Orders for the preparing a great Magazine of Ammunition and all other Warlike Stores at Mentz; and for recruiting his Forces with all expedition. His Electoral Highness has also ordered his Minister at Ratisbon to represent to the other Ministers at the Imperial Diet there, the Necessity of providing as early as possible their several Quota's of Men, Artillery and Ammunition. The Enemy on their side are making Preparations in Alsace for an early Campaign.

Mastricht, January 1. Recruits are raising in these Parts with all possible Diligence and Application for the Service of the Allies, the Officers being ordered to have their Regiments compleat early in the Spring. The Enemy are likewise recruiting their Troops, in which they proceed in their usual manner, forcing the Country People by Violence into the Service. They are making a Line behind the River Hayne. We hear they had formed a Design of surprizing Ruremonde; but it was prevented by a timely Discovery.

Falmouth, Dec. 26. On the 24th Instant came in here the St. George from London, Captain Price Commander, to load Fish for Leghorn; as also the New Alliance Packet-Boat, bound for Lisbon. Yesterday sailed hence two Dutch Doggers for Bourdeaux. This Day was forced in here by contrary Winds the Ship Count Wrangel of Stockholme, homeward bound with Salt from St. Martin's, Magnus Grabergh Master.

Plimouth, Dec. 29. On the 26th Instant sailed hence Her Majesty's Ships the Chatham and Adventure to the Eastward. The same Day came in here 6 Dutch Ships bound for France, and a Swede for St. Ubes. The 27th came in a Ship from Carelscroone, laden with Pipe-Staves; the Hope from Guernsey, laden with Salt; and a Coaster from London: Being all three bound for this Place. This Day came in here three Dutch, and one Danish, Ships, homeward bound from Bourdeaux.

Yarmouth, Dec. 27. Yesterday sailed out of our Road to the Southward Sir Edward Whitaker, in Her Majesty's Ship the Dreadnaught, with the Bonaventure; as did also the Abraham Frigat, Captain Love Commander, laden with Herrings, and bound for the Streights.

Portsmouth, Dec. 29. Yesterday sailed from Spithead Her Majesty's Ships the Assurance, St. Albans, Anglesea and Nottingham, having under their Convoy about 40 Sail of Merchant-men.

St. James's, Jan. 1. This Day Her Majesty was pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood upon *Ambrose Crowley* Esq; being presented by his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*.

The Dutch *Mail of* Friday *last is not yet come in.*

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